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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
KAZUOMI OISHI )  
Application No.: 08/777,246 )  
Filed: December 31, 1996 )  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
INPUT OF CODED IMAGE DATA :  
Examiner: H. Song  
Group Art Unit: 2131  
August 27, 2001

The Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed February 28, 2001, please amend the above identified application in the following manner.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 6, 10, 14, 26 and 27, and add new claims 28, 29 and 30 to read as follows. A marked-up copy of claims 1, 6, 10, 14, 26 and 27, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

1. (three times amended) In an information input device, the combination
- of:
- a) means for inputting first information;
  - b) means for receiving secret key information and software for generating a digital signature from an external device and for storing such received secret key information and